



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

## Veterans News

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### NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



May 21, 2007

#### GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CLOVIS SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Steven M. Packer of Clovis, CA:

"Today, California mourns the tragic loss of Sergeant Packer. Steven's courageous devotion in serving our country is a reminder that our lives and liberties are well-protected by the men and women of our nation's armed forces. Maria and I wish to express our sincere condolences to his family and friends and we will pray for their comfort during this difficult time."

Sgt. Packer, 23, died May 17 as a result of wounds suffered when his dismounted patrol encountered an improvised explosive device in Rushdi Mullah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

In honor of Sgt. Packer, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 22, 2007

#### GOV. GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF ALPAUGH SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Christopher Moore, of Alpaugh, CA:

"There is no higher calling than to fight for one's country in the battle for freedom. Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Staff Sergeant Moore. Christopher's great courage and profound allegiance to a higher calling warrant the highest appreciation and admiration of all Californians."

Moore, 28, died May 19 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near

his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

In honor of Staff Sgt. Moore, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff



May 24, 2007

## GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF TORRANCE SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr. of Torrance, CA.

"California has lost a great American hero. Maria and I have the greatest admiration for the men and women of our armed forces as they put their lives on the line to defend democracy and freedom. Private First Class Anzack, who died in the defense of freedom, deserves our undying gratitude, our respect and our thoughts and prayers. We will remain forever indebted to Joseph for his extraordinary dedication and the sacrifice he made for our country."

Anzack, 20, was initially reported as duty status whereabouts unknown on May 12 when his patrol received small arms fire and explosives and his body was found in Al Taqa, Iraq on May 23. He was assigned to D Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

In honor of Pfc. Anzack, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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